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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 552
By Hood

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts on his selection as National President of the Exchange Clubs of America.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those Tennesseans who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts is one such outstanding citizen who evinces the greatest devotion and integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2001, Mr. Roberts will become the National President of the Exchange Clubs of America at the Exchange Clubs' National Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina; he will be the seventh Tennessean to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Ken Roberts graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree; he has also done post-graduate work at the University of Delaware and at the University of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, A professional engineer, McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts is the innovative and astute owner of Engineering Consultants and Design, the Roberts Electric Company, and the Security Equipment Company; and

WHEREAS, An active and valuable member of the Exchange Club of McMinnville, Mr. Roberts has meritoriously and skillfully served the organization as Bulletin Editor, President-elect, member of the Board of Directors, and for two terms as President; on the Tennessee District level he has served with distinction as a Director, Treasurer, Secretary, President-elect, and President; and

WHEREAS, Ken Roberts has helped to build the Exchange Clubs of Manchester, Lawrence County, and Marshall County and has ably served as a Volunteer Field Representative; and

WHEREAS, A nationally recognized speaker, McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts has assisted at National Leadership Conferences with the training of district Presidents-elect and led seminars at many district, regional, and national meetings; he is also the author of the "Membership Recruitment and Retention" handbook and other leadership training materials; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Exchange Club since 1977, Mr. Roberts was selected as National President-elect at the organization's 2000 annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona; previously, he has meritoriously served as Regional Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities with the Exchange Club, Ken Roberts has contributed his time and considerable talents to many professional and community organizations, including serving as a life member and past President of the Tennessee Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, past President of the Warren County Emergency Food Bank, Secretary of the Tennessee State Alarm Contractors Board, Director of the National Association of Security and Investigative Regulators, Troop Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 305, and Vice Chairman of the Nashville Area Walk to Emmaus; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts is a devout member of the Christ United Methodist Church, where he faithfully serves as Chairman of the Administrative Board and as a

Sunday School Teacher; he also leads several Church study groups and is a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church and Gideons International; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, he is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Leda; this outstanding couple is blessed with two sons and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional asset to his community and this State, McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated community leader, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts, a remarkable citizen of Tennessee, is most deserving of the respect and recognition of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor McKenzie C. (Ken) Roberts for his selection as National President of the Exchange Clubs of America, commend him for his steadfast service, and extend to him our best wishes for every success and happiness during his presidency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.